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Charisse has over 20 years experience in the information technology industry, including 15 years in developing and evangelizing computer security solutions. Prior to joining Layer N, she was with Internet Security Systems Inc., (ISS) where as Director of Business Development she formed partnerships with Nokia Internet Communications and Check Point Software Technologies.

Before Internet Security Systems, Charisse worked for Haystack Labs, an early intrusion detection company and as VP of Engineering and OEM Sales for SecureWare Inc. SecureWare managed the development of the core technology used in the HP Virtual Vault. She also has 8 years developing and managing complex systems in the fields of telephony, supercomputers, and missiles.

Charisse earned her undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering/Computer Science from University of California at Berkeley and her JD from the University of Texas at Austin. She regularly participates in the annual Computer Law Conference held in Austin Texas speaking on technology areas that affect the practice of law focusing on security and privacy technology. She is a member of the Information Systems Security and Privacy Advisory Board under the Department of Commerce.